Ministry of Agriculture. The Committee registers pesticides only after satisfying itself regarding their efficacy and safety to human health and environment.

(c) No, Sir. The distribution, sale etc. of pesticides are regulated through the Ministry of Agriculture under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed there under through issue of licenses by respective State Governments.

Deaths due to environmental effects

†1235. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has revealed in its recent report that deaths of one fourth human beings worldwide is caused due to environment;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the said report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of effective steps being taken in order to improve the environment during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) According to the report of the World Health Organisation (WHO), 24% of the disease burden (healthy life years lost) and 23% (premature mortality) of all deaths were attributable to environmental factors on global basis. However, there were large regional differences and 25% of all deaths in developing regions and 17% of deaths in developed regions were attributable to environmental causes.

(d) The steps taken/envisaged in order to improve the environment include comprehensive policy for environment and abatement of pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel including CNG/LPG in the specified cities, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, mandatory environmental

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

clearance for specified industries, management of municipal & bio-medical wastes, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening of the net-work of air & water quality monitoring stations, assessment of pollution load& source apportionment studies, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities and critically polluted areas.

Implementation of Swaminathan Committee Report

1236. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2954 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2006 and state:

(a) what action Government have, so far, taken to implement the recommendation of Professor M.S. Swaminathan Committee Report for the protection of life and property in the coastal areas from natural hazards; and

(b) the details of results achieved on the implementation of the said report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The methodology for demarcation of vulnerability line has been finalized. Four coastal stretches namely, Paradeep (Orissa), Dahej (Gujarat), Nellore (Andhra Pradesh) and Mumbai (Maharashtra) has been identified for pilot studies which has been assigned to Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad. A project has been sanctioned for preparing a National Action Plan for control of pollution of coastal waters from land based activities. A new plan scheme has been proposed as an extremely aided project for implementation of various recommendations.

(b) Elevation maps of the above four identified coastal stretches obtained from Survey of India. Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad have informed that they have completed the mapping of the vulnerability line in two stretches namely, Paradeep and Nellore. Interim report of the National Action Plan for control of pollution of coastal waters from land based activities has been received from consultant in June, 2006.